(b) Does not arise.

(c) No site has been kept ciosed by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in tiie Kutch district of Gujarat. The wells drilled so far in Kutch district fiave turned out to be dry.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

**Prevention of Diseases in Bastar**

735. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI.
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stat?.

(a) whether Government are aware that soon after the advent of monsoon in June, every year, thousands of tribals living in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh die of dehydration and dysentery; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have initiated any remedial step3 well in time this' year to prevent this avoidable tragedy ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) - «id (b) Yes, according to the information furnished by the State Government, the number of case, s|deaths in Baster district during the last 3 years are as under:

| Year | No. of cases | No. of deaths |
|---|---|---|
| 1987-88. | 3240 | 278 |
| 1988-89 • . | 95 | 22 |
| 1989-90 (provisional) | 100 | 8 |

The long term measures necessary for preventing morbidity and mortality are: —'

(a) Provision of safe drinking water;

(b) Safe disposal of sewage;

(c) Improvement of general environmental sanitation; and

(d) Health and Nutritional education of the population.

The Central Government has Deen assisting the States Government by deputing medical teams to the affected areas foi investigation and recommending remedial measures. The State Government las also been sending medical teams to the affected Piimary Health Centres (PHCs) for purposes of case detection, treatment aad supply of medicines Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) and Chlorine tablets.

**Facilities for international Flights from mor* places'**

736. SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI;
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are planning to provide facilities for international flights from places other than the *ikblMs* ones so that, the hitherto the -egleiHi 1 regions of the country, also get thj advantage international flights and do not have to cover long distances to reach international airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION 'SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doas not arise.

(c) The existing airports from where international flights are being operated are sufficient to cater to the needs of international traffic at present.